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MIGRATORY MOVEMENTS OF CITIZENS.

The migratory tables of the census of 1900 disclose queer facts concerning loss and gain of population, and those who think that the development of new states does not draw hard up on the old are mistaken.

Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island have gained 116,000; Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont have lost about 339,000. The old states, which have showed gains have increased their industries, while those which have lost have depended upon agriculture.

The figures show that the interchange of native white population with other states left Virginia in 1900 with a net loss of 237,077 persons; that out of fifty states and territories, only five states actually lost more population than Virginia, namely Kentucky, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Tennessee; and that in proportion to population this so-called migratory tendency cost Virginia the loss of nearly a quarter of a million of her own native-born, while it found an other old eastern state, Massachusetts, with a clean gain of nearly 100,000.

They show that Virginia is losing population out of all proportion to her gains, out of all proportion to her rural population, out of all proportion to the experience of other states.

To ignore the condition or seek to explain away its meaning is equally unavailing. The one thing to do with such situation such as this is to face it frankly and honestly and set resolutely to work to remedy it.

The only remedy seems to be to make life more inviting and more secure. The winning states are the states of best reputation and set resolutely to work to remedy it.

It is quite as difficult to bring about a rational commencement as it is to inaugurate a sane and safe Fourth of July.

This day of mental triumph and new clothes—this graduation day—has been made very expensive through competition in dress and fine suits of clothes for the boys and girls will soon be in the works; but is not the boy or girl in the best clothes who always cuts the most important figure. To excel in dress is creditable—to excel in dress is vulgar. These are matters parents should regulate themselves and not let them be regulated by governing committees or trustees.

It has been well said that "as far as the boys are concerned they can be disposed of without much trouble. They do not have to be decked out in lace, ribbons, etc. They should make be costly but not showy; they are young men. But the girls demand much more consideration, and it is a very serious question how they should be dressed for commencement exercises. Left to themselves, parents are not always wise in selecting apparel. Some who are wealthy want very costly dress, and some who are poor want just as fine gowns as the rich. To prevent this pride and pique incident to displays that can or cannot be afforded, some boards of education have recommended that all graduates wear dresses of the same material, plain, neat, pretty and made as nearly alike as is in good taste. This is an excellent rule and has never caused bitter tears and painful heartburnings.

The day of graduation is but a few weeks away, and it is time to consider these things. Why should there be such efforts made to outdress those who mentally cannot be outclassed?

It is not strange that an Austrian schnitzman could not earn more than \$15 a week in this country. As the ability in bred its members are not worth more than that anywhere.

Speaker Cannon, who is familiar with conditions in the opinion that hot weather is the only thing which will hasten the tariff.

Captain Hains realizes now that a very little dirty puts a man in a desirable place to stay.

NOT AN EMPTY PHRASE.

"Oh! Forget it!" still sounds to some like an empty and meaningless phrase, but it is not.

There are thousands of things in life which were better forgotten than remembered.

What is more ridiculous than a middle-aged man or woman nursing an old grudge?

There is nothing to be gained by cherishing a spirit of hatred—it is worse than un-Christian, it is foolishness.

There is nothing in remembrances for the purpose of retaliation excepting harm to do oneself. It has been well said that revenge doubles a grievance—it spreads it all.

If you know a person who is full of jealousy, prejudices and grudges just look and notice that there is no benign countenance there. When ugliness sits where good will should, good will departs.

Forgetting a wrong is best described as refined revenge. It puts one in the way of being charitable to the uncharitable—it lifts one above the level of common everyday meanness.

To be so filled is to be greatly benefited and blessed. You haven't time to discuss alleged wrongs, for you will be engaged in making things right—in making life as agreeable as possible.

The mean man has no power to hurt you by deplorable conduct and there is no better way of curing him than to let him see and feel that in his demeanor he is injuring himself more than anyone else.

Forget the disappointments and differences and grievances and just cling to the things which are sweet and cheery. It is a waste of energy and time to do anything else.

THE TWO FOOLS.

The Wright brothers—the aeroplane champions, who have been honored abroad by foreign governments, and who were too busy to halt in New York to be winners of the Pulitzer prize, are the subjects of the same ridicule which fell to Darius Greene and his flying machine. They were then enjoying wide reputations as two fools.

This is what a traveling man has to say of them:

"I was told by a trolley car from Xenia, O., to Dayton, about five years ago, when the conductor, with whom I had been chatting, said: 'See that shanty over there in the field? There's a couple of fools building an airship in there.' I was interested and asked for further information. 'Wright is their name. They've nearly killed themselves a couple of times, trying to fly,' he continued. 'I believe I'll go out and take a look at them,' said I. 'No use,' said he. 'They'd shoot at you. No one is allowed to go near the shanty.'"

Their persistent folly has proved to be wisdom. They have become famous for their skill and are likely to become rich as a reward for their genius. No two men are in greater demand now than they—none are more driven with orders. They are to fulfill their engagements here with the government, and then away they go again to Dayton to demonstrate the practicality of an airship heavier than air. These two "fools" are today the most distinguished men in the world.

BIG TIMBER.

Washington is the state of big timber—of trees that will furnish a stick of lumber for a mile and a half. It is a fact that the state of Washington is a forest of single trees that will build a house complete. We should not blame Washington for wanting to protect this industry any more than we should blame the state of Maine for wanting to protect its industry of paper.

A 14-room house was built at Elma in that state from a single yellow fir which cut 38,000 feet of lumber.

Some of these trees are 35 feet in diameter at the ground and the first limb is 150 feet from the ground with a total height of 300 feet. The big trees are almost beyond comprehension.

Concerning the timber in the state of Washington, the Square Deal magazine for May says:

"There is 35,000 square miles of timber standing in this state. This would make a plank road three inches thick and 500 feet wide across the world. It would load 10,000,000 cars of wood, each car 45 feet long, 8 feet wide and 8 feet high, equal to 58,227 miles of trains, or one train reaching three and a half times around the globe at the equator. It would build 5,000,000 six or eight room houses, or enough to house one-third of the people of the United States."

This shows that there is a great deal of timber in the far west and that this single state has a greater supply than we dreamed of.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Cipriano Castro has bought himself a home in the Canary Islands. He is a yellow bird, all right.

Happy thought for today: The spirit of a woman saying the other day. We have all said that in our lives in a wild and thoughtless way. We were angry about something, and were going to unload ourselves. Now, I always want to say "Don't!" when I hear anyone saying it, for it premeases the mischief and the mischief is done. We have all said that in our lives in a wild and thoughtless way. We were angry about something, and were going to unload ourselves. Now, I always want to say "Don't!" when I hear anyone saying it, for it premeases the mischief and the mischief is done.

Barre, Mass., is a little place, but it thinks that it can stand up under a tax of \$1200 for band concerts this summer.

No mayor of Norwich in the past ten years could look at the streets of the city without seeing what he could not do.

The jury that does not look upon expert testimony in these days as being worthless is below the average in intelligence.

A New York man went crazy because the worshippers of Biliken were bowing down to a false god and going to the devil.

How can the ice barons of New London afford to sell ice to families ten cents a hundred pounds less than it is sold in Norwich?

The men who are always complaining that they cannot get a job are the men who never do a job as their employers want it done.

The discovery of gold in the Adirondacks reminds us that every New England state has been honored, and its people deeded.

President Taft is looking at congress as saying nothing. It appears as if the senate was disposed to keep the old Dingley law in force.

The wife of a Montana game warden who was killed by the Indians just away has been appointed his successor. She feels capable of avenging his death.

Baltimore is preparing for a good roads convention and expects the president to be present. No good roads convention is perfect without Connecticut's commissioner.

THE MAN WHO TALKS

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